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Mr. Lon E. Walters, Jr.  
Superintendent, Arizona  
State Prison  
Florence, Arizona

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Dear Mr. Walters:

Several days ago you orally requested our opinion as to whether you may legally purchase boilers to be used at the prison without first advertising for bids.

We do not know of any statute which requires you to call for bids before making such a purchase.

Formerly the law provided that a purchasing agent be appointed and that he purchase all supplies for state institutions after advertising for bids on all purchases exceeding \$500.00. This statute was repealed in 1943 and no similar provision has been enacted since. This indicates the legislature intended that purchases of supplies and equipment for state institutions such as the prison could be made without advertising and competitive bidding.

Therefore it is our opinion you may legally purchase the boilers mentioned without advertising or competitive bidding.

Yours truly,

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Assistant Attorney General

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